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Setting up of NSD Centres
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing National School of Drama (NSD) centres functioning across the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up/open such NSD centres across the country including Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the time by which such centres are likely to be made operational; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): There is only one National School of Drama which is located at New Delhi. However, under its Out-Reach/Extension Programme, three Centres are operating one each in Agartala (Tripura), Gangtok (Sikkim) and Bengaluru (Karnataka).

(b) to (d): On the basis of the recommendations made by the Broad Based Committee for opening up of 5 regional centres across the country, NSD Society proposed to establish 5 regional centres one each at Kolkata, Mumbai/Goa, J&K, North-East beside upgrading the existing Regional Resource Centre (RRC), Bengaluru to a full-fledged regional centre. These regional centres were to be established in consultation with the concerned State Governments, who were required to provide accommodation for the purpose. Only the Government of Karnataka has allotted land for the purpose at Bengaluru. Proposals have also been received from the State Governments for opening of Regional Centres at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh and in Telangana. The NSD Society has decided to constitute a Committee to work out policy/modalities for opening such Centres.